

Harwich Golf Committee

May 31, 2016

Present: Clem Smith, Tom Johnson, Jeff Williams, Bob Kingsbury, John Wheeler, John Crook and Martha Duffy.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of minutes motioned by John Wheeler and second by Tom Johnson. Vote 7-0

Old Business:

Junior Policy – Roman Greer, 3rd reading:

- Juniors - Junior Members cannot make tee time requests or reservations prior to the day of play, unless an adult is playing with them.
Junior Members under 14 years old must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- Add: • Junior Members under the age of 14, who have demonstrated sufficient golf experience and knowledge of rules and etiquette, through proven tournament play, school team play or recommendation by a PGA professional shall be allowed to play on the golf course unaccompanied by an adult. These privileges shall be considered on an individual case basis by the Director of Golf and can be revoked at any time.

Mr. Johnson feels this information needs to be sent out to the schools so possible juniors will be informed.

There was further discussion. Mr. Kingsbury asks if legal counsel had been engaged about any potential problems if this policy was amended.

Jeff Williams motions to adopt the third reading of the new junior policy subject to the agreement of legal counsel that it is appropriate. Second by Martha Duffy. Vote 7-0

Directors report – Roman Greer:

Membership report:

As of May 27th

- Harwich - 50 new memberships, Chatham - 14 new memberships, Eastham and Orleans – 5 new memberships and Nonresidents – 3 new memberships. Junior membership will increase when school lets out. At this point seems like the membership will be up when all is said and done. Will have another report for the next meeting.
- MGA Sr. 4 ball went very well. A lot of great feedback about the course and the staff. \$1600 of gift certificates went through the pro shop.

- Member/Member for both Ladies and Men went well.
- Memorial Day weekend was booked throughout the weekend and went very well
- Ladies Member/Member went well also. The ladies had a great time.
- Harwich Fire event went very well with Mr. Kingsbury winning...
- Schedules a heavy tournament schedule for May so the summer is free and open from tournaments until the fall.
- Mr. Kingsbury states that he has played in the fire tournament every year since it started and he always has a good time but this year superseded every other year. In all aspects from the way he was greeted when he got out of his car, the conditions of the course, the professionalism of Roman and his staff handling that number of golfers and the restaurant and the meal that they served. Ms. Duffy adds that she has seen that not only does that happen to members and tournaments but to outside players as well. The staff is amazing and very professional and welcoming. Mr. Wheeler adds that the Mid Cape Men's Club plays 5 courses over the spring and fall and this year they came back to Cranberry Valley. Because the Hot Stove is now there they all wanted to rally around the Hot Stove and do what they can to help support the restaurant. About 50 of them stayed to have lunch which is unusual for their group but they wanted to show support for them.
- A lot of new staff coming on. Nick Drago has been assigned to Mr. Fagan to be a tournament intern, he is a Golf Management major at Johnson and Whales in Miami. The new staff all has golf background in some way or another and will be working inside and outside to get a jest of all workings of the course.
- PGA of America has asked us to host the PGA Junior league Northeast regionals again this year. We did this last year and it went very well. This year they are offering to pay \$5000 for Greens Fees. Sept 16-18 (the 16th would be a twilight practice round the player would pay and the 17th). There would be 2 nine hole rounds and 18th would be 1 nine hole round. They would play from the red tees and it's for 13 years old and under.
- ***Mr. Johnson motions to adopt the Northeast PGA regional as proposed by Mr. Greer, second by John Wheeler. Vote 7-0***
- \$15, 000 from the Golf budget was allocated for the restaurant for the 2016 budget so in talking with Mr. Leidner what would really help him out is a walk in cooler outside. It looks like we will be able to do this soon and it will really help out the restaurant.
- Received a letter from the Harwich Police department commending Shawn Fernandez for helping them during their recent hiring process. This will be put in his employee file.

Policy Manual: - John Crook:

Mr. Crook feels that waiting until the information is all put together and put into a tentative book form for the committee would be better than going over some pieces of it now. He would like to see this done for the next meeting.

Capital Project: Roman Greer

Mr. Smith will have a meeting with Mr. Cafarelli and Mr. Clark this coming Monday.

Mr. Greer met with Mr. Cafarelli and Mr. Sweetser and they are completing the site plan and getting a quote from structural engineer. Mr. Sweetser is very comfortable with the way things stand at this point.

He will meet with Mr. Clark this Monday to discuss the next step, and Mr. Greer would suggest the committee put on a future agenda getting together a list of departments that will be a part of this project and get them together and have everyone on board.

Mr. Crook read over the Cart Barn Initiative chart. He suggests that meetings be set up with people like Capital Outlay and the Finance Committee to make sure these projects get pushed through the right way. Mr. Wall suggested that the committee moves as quickly as possible.

New Business:

Strategic Plan: John Crook

Mr. Crook listed possible priorities for Capital Projects: Cart Barn Initiative, Tree Work and Senior Tees etc. Mr. Greer will bring back his suggestions to work toward a final goal of what will be included, and an order of priority for these projects.

Public Comment:

Mr. Gardner feels the restaurant is doing a terrific job and everything is being done really well. He would also like to say the Member/Member was really well run and the pace of play was terrific.

Mr. Gardner also feels that the new tee time structure is a bad policy. He feels it will slow down play and is not sure what the rationale for this is and how it came about. He also feels the non-members should be referred to as fee payers.

- Mr. Smith asks Mr. Gardner to write a letter to Roman Greer in regards to these concerns.

Mr. Wall pointed out that hanging plants have been placed around the deck at the Restaurant Mr. Leidner consulted with the Garden Club of Harwich, he gave them money and they got the plants for him.

Linda Sweeny asked about the difficulty of tracking the various funds that are related to the golf operation. Mr. Sweeny inquired as to when the Town Meeting changed the name of the primary golf improvement fund. Mr. Smith stated that this was a collaborative initiative between the Committee, Selectmen (Linda Cebula taking the lead), the Town Administrator, and the Finance director two years ago. Mr. Smith says he will check into it and try to get language clarification of the existing accounts.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Johnson, second by Martha Duffy. Vote 7-0

Respectfully submitted by,

Jenn Heath

HGC Secretary